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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

(the congressman was enroute to Texas with his family when he heard of the news about Truman's death...the congressman telephoned the following message to his Washington office:)

27 December 1972

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rep E (Kika) de la Garza said today: ~~XXXXXX~~

"Along with all South Texans I sincerely regret the passing of former President Harry S Truman. No one ^{could} ~~be~~ be more appreciative of his honest, frank, and straight-foward manner than we of South Texas. He certainly contributed greatly toward the reshaping of the world after World War II and certainly suffered through some of the most ~~perilous~~ perilous times the world has known and on his shoulders rested some of the most awesome decisions that any man could be asked to make.

My family and I extend our most heartfelt sympathy to the Truman family and I hope that all South Texans will join together on Thursday as President Nixon has so graciously suggested in a day of prayer for one of the giants of the 20th century.

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